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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

It has come to my attention that the US TELECOM ASSN, the trade group for the Mega Giant telecoms like Verizon, ATT and Centurylink have petitioned you for forbearance from the COPPER line sharing requirements of the landmark 1996 Telecommunications Act.

If you allow this to happen that will be the end of all the local Internet Service Providers in the United States. The local companies would no longer be able to afford the Unbundled Network Elements (Copper Pairs). Consumers all paid for this network over the past half century. We don't want the large corporations to be our only option for using the Internet. Many of us prefer the personal, and efficient, service of our local ISPs.

Say no to this request, so we will all continue to have access to the Internet without being forced into using one of these faceless, enormous and very annoying large corporations. America thrives on competition in business to keep prices low, and service quality high.

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